

## Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 16 of the amendment specification, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- A cell stream's ATM cells arriving in an input-side interface device LIC are now given the internal cell header which, among other things, stipulates the path through the switching matrix in the form of a routing address. The routing address stipulates the output via which the relevant ATM cell leaves the switching matrix ASN again. In addition, the cell stream is split into 2 redundant cell streams  $Z_0, Z_1$ . The two cell streams are then supplied to the relevant output via different paths. The output-side interface device LIC associated with this output receives both cell streams  $Z_0, Z_1$ . A Redundant Patch Combining algorithm (RPC) being executed therein then decides which of the redundant ATM cells is supplied to further devices. --